

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 (the "Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-46 were pending in this Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-14 and 19-46 but indicates that Claims 15-18 are allowable. Applicant amends Claims 9-13 and 16-21, cancels Claims 1-8, 14-15 and 22-46 without prejudice or disclaimer and adds new Claims 47-58. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that Claims 15-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent Claim 9 to recite elements of intervening Claim 14 and Claim 15. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 9 is condition for allowance. In addition, Claims 10-13 and 16-21 each depends, either directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 9 and are thus in condition for allowance.

New Claims

Applicant adds new Claims 47-58. Claims 47-58 contain no new matter. Independent Claims 47 and 58 include elements similar to those added to independent Claim 9. Since those elements were previously indicated as allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 47 and 58 are in condition for allowance. Claims 48-57 each depends, either directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 47 and are thus in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

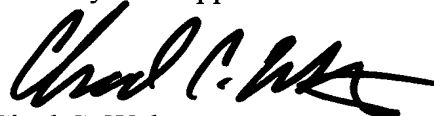
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicant hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Applicant believes no fees are due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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